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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee
on World Wide Intelligence Matters

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1. ☐ On 26 January at 10:00 a.m. the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee convened to continue the briefing begun the previous day on current intelligence around the world. A sweep of the room (H 140) was conducted by CIA security, the briefing was electronically monitored, and security was provided for the transcript notes. The hearing ran from 10:00 a.m. until 12:15 and from 2:00 p.m. until 4:15.

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2. ☐ Subcommittee Members present for all or part of the briefing were: Chairman George H. Mahon (D., Tex.), Representatives Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.), Joseph P. Addabbo (D., N.Y.), John J. McFall (D., Calif.), John J. Flynt, Jr. (D., Ga.), Bill D. Burlison (D., Mo.), Jack Edwards (R., Ala.) and J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.).

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3. ☐ Staff members present for all or part of the hearing were: Ralph Preston, Charles Snodgrass, Peter Murphy, Derek Vander Schaaf, John M. Garrity and Charles Murphy.

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4. ☐ The witnesses were as is indicated on the attached witness list. The subjects covered included balance of Warsaw Pact-NATO forces, the Soviet military budget, the political and military situation in the horn of Africa, the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli military balance, the Sino-Soviet dispute, Chinese foreign policy and the Chinese economy.

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5. ☐ Subcommittee Members' questions reflected their hope to use the information being provided to help them arrive at FY 1979 Defense budget decisions. The questioning was lively and at the end of the session the Chairman thanked ☐ Associate Director for Management, National Foreign Assessment Center, for a fine presentation.

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Attachment

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